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Applicant : Fitzpatrick, et al.
Filed : August 2, 2001
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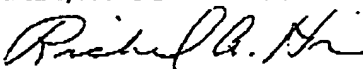
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2005 (Office Action), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

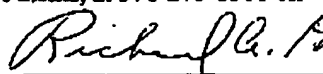
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this submission.

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